

Transcribed Excerpt from Excerpt from Benjamin Franklin's Memoir about Peace Negotiations, 1818-1819

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We set out accordingly the Next Morning in my Coach, from Passy, and arrived punctually at M. de Vergennes's, who received Mr. Grenville in the most cordial and friendly manner... the Subject of Peace was centred on. What my memory retains of the Discourse amounts to little more than this... I said, we do not consider ourselves as under any Necessity of bargaining for a Thing that is our own, and which we have bought at the Expense of so much Blood and Treasure, and which we are in full Possession of...

